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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenichi UTSUMI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2163

Serial No.: 09/187,749

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Examiner: Irshadullah, M.

For: LICENSE DEVOLUTION APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was timely filed in response to the final Office Action mailed November 30, 2000. Therefore, this Request for Reconsideration is timely filed requesting reconsideration of the remarks presented in the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on February 28, 2001 and entered pursuant to filing of the CPA, and requesting consideration of the remarks presented herein, before examination of the above-identified application.

If any further fees are required in connection with this filing, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

REMARKS

In the final Office Action mailed November 30, 2000, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross (US Patent No. 5,553,139) in view of Hasebe (US Patent No. 5,392,351).